

I am a private clinic family practice SM physician here as a member of the AMSSM. I am testifying on behalf of this organization in lieu of written testimony. I strongly support this bill as I have traveled in the past across state lines with collegiate athletes. A travelling team physician serves a very important role. They are tasked with keeping the team they are in charge of safe and healthy. Having spent time with the players and coaches, they are in the best position to provide treatment and make decisions regarding their health. Right now, there is a patchwork of local laws governing travelling physician practice. There are 20 states currently that have laws in place covering travelling physicians, but the rest do not. Along the west coast, both Washington and California have an exemption for travelling doctors. It would be unreasonable and a burden to try and require physicians to be licensed in every state that they have to travel to. Especially at the collegiate level where you may not know where you have to travel for postseason play like bowl games. The care defined would be with a narrow subset of people and only in certain situations. In emergency care, a licensed physician of Oregon would be required. There would be no practical effect on any resident of Oregon. We support the language of the bill limiting time frame to 10 days with exemption upon referral to the state board. Thank you.

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